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Brenda Burman  
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation  
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**RE: Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Application -  
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project**

Dear Commissioner Burman,

I write in support of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. Implementation of this project will allow for more accurate monitoring and remediation of leaks throughout the BCVWD's service area, which includes the City of Beaumont, the community of Cherry Valley, and part of the City of Calimesa. AMI will provide real-time radio transmitted data of water consumption, which will lead to reduced water waste through active monitoring leak detection and customer education about water usage.

Current tracking of water consumption is done through monthly manual meter readings, which leaves residents vulnerable to water leaks that go undetected between readings and results in unnecessary waste of scarce potable water resources. The use of AMI technology will minimize previous unaccounted water loss, not only increasing water conservation, but also helping residents reduce costs by more effectively addressing leaks. This project enhances local, state, and federal water conservation objectives by measuring products and/or leakage quantifications that will result in measurable water savings. Additionally, the project will help to further investments in water conservation in Southern California to the economic benefit of BCVD customers and the State.

It is the mission of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District to be a leader in water resource management while providing customers with safe, reliable drinking water at the lowest possible cost. Technology and projects like AMI will enable the BCVWD to enact this mission by locally addressing California's long-standing water shortages with water-wise tactics. AMI will allow for more accurate and timely information about water usage, allowing customers to be more informed consumers and empowering them to be better stewards of the environment.

I support the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) and their application and urge you to give full and fair consideration to their application, consistent with all relevant program rules and regulations. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact my Palm Desert office at 760-424-8888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raul Ruiz", with a stylized, cursive script.

Raul Ruiz, M.D.  
Member of Congress